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CLAP!
CLAP!
CLAP!
CLAP!
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CLAP!
CLAP!
CLAP!
CLAP!
YAY! YAY! YAY!
SIGH...
NOT GOING WELL, HUH?
I DON'T GET IT; IT SEEMS THAT NO MATTER WHAT I DO, THEY REFUSE TO BE TIRED.
I'M BEGINNING TO THINK THEY'RE DOING IT JUST TO SPITE ME.
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS, SHREK DEAR. MAYBE YOU'RE JUST NOT TELLING THEM THE RIGHT STORIES.
WELL EXCUSE ME IF I DON'T KNOW ANY BORING STORIES.
THAT'S NOT THE POINT. THE STORIES DON'T HAVE TO BE BORING, BUT MAYBE FILLING THEM WITH CRAZY CEREAL MOGULS, GHOSTS, AND FANTASTIC ISLANDS WHERE YOU ARE A GIANT ISN'T ENTIRELY APPROPRIATE FOR BEDTIME.
OH, AND I SUPPOSE YOU HAVE A BETTER SOLUTION?
WHY YES, I DO!
KIDS, HOW'D YOU LIKE TO HEAR A STORY ABOUT THE TIME YOUR DAD THOUGHT HE AND DONKEY COULD "IMPROVE" OUR HOUSE?
SHREK HONEY, WHAT IS THE NAME I'VE GIVEN THIS PARTICULAR INCIDENT?
SIGH... HOME IMPAIRMENT...

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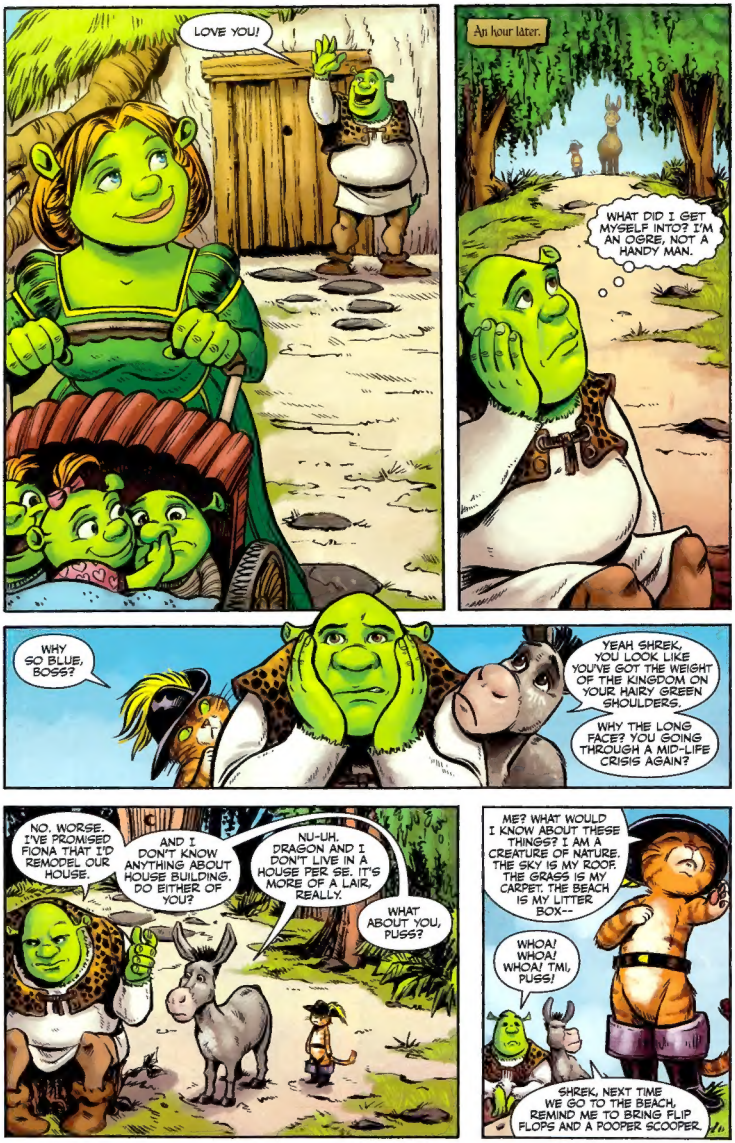
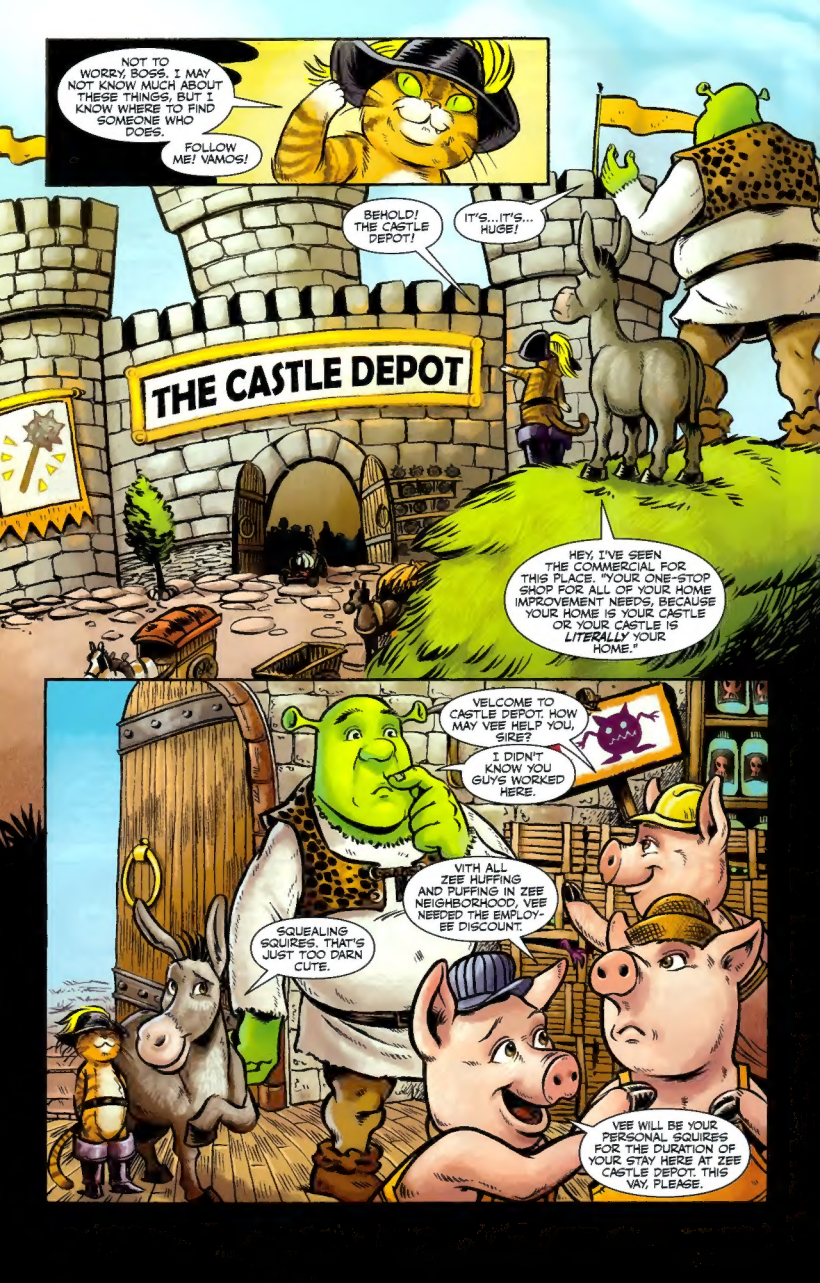
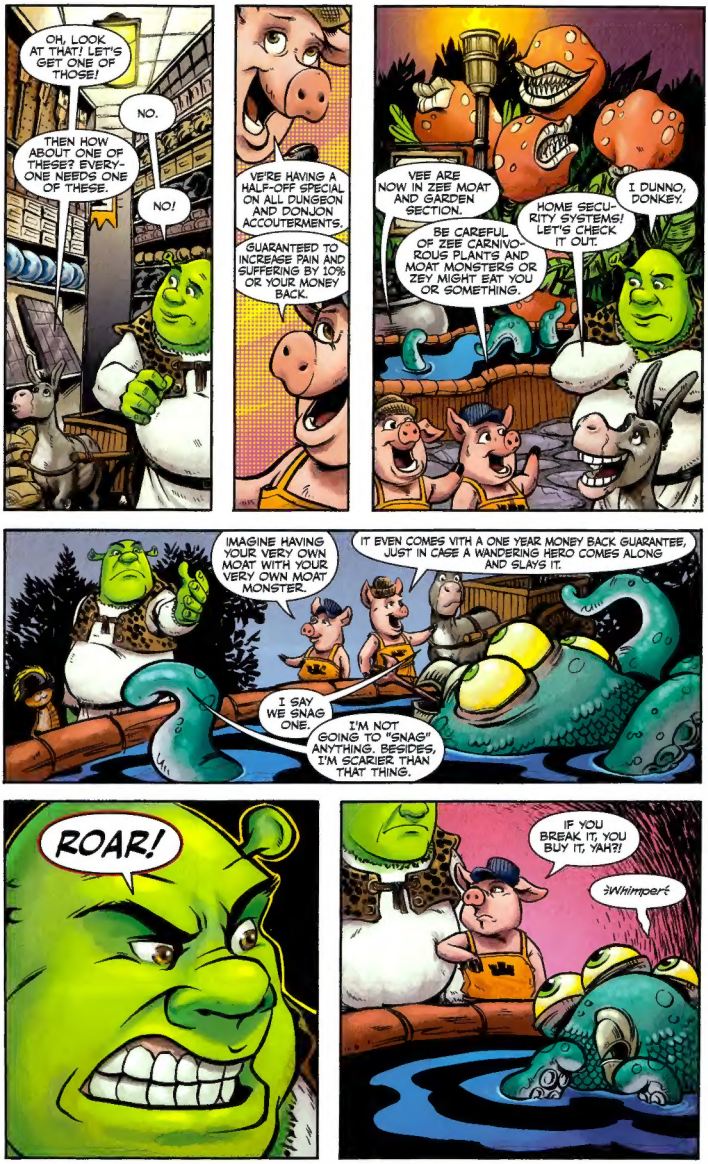
SHREK, BE CAREFUL! THERE ISN'T ENOUGH ROOM IN THE HOUSE FOR THAT KIND OF PLAY!
TAKE IT OUTSIDE, PLEASE.
DON'T WORRY, DEAR.
WE'RE JUST HAVING A LITTLE...
FUN.
WE SHOULD REALLY PUT SOME OF THIS STUFF AWAY BEFORE SOMEBODY GETS HURT. IS THERE ROOM IN THE CLOSET?
WE DON'T *HAVE* A CLOSET, SHREK!

I'M SORRY, BUT I'M STARTING TO THINK WE'VE OUTGROWN THIS PLACE.
IT'S NO FANCY CASTLE, BUT IT'S COZY.
IF YOU'RE SUGGESTING WE MOVE TO FAR FAR AWAY, YOU CAN FORGE--
WE'RE A FAMILY OF FIVE LIVING IN A BACHELOR'S PAD. ALL I'M SAYING IS THAT IT'S ABOUT TIME WE MAKE A FEW... HOME IMPROVEMENTS.
OH, THAT'S ALL.
WELL, IN THAT CASE, WE COULD GET THAT INDOOR POND I'VE ALWAYS DREAMT ABOUT.
AND HOW ABOUT A WORM CELLAR? OH, AND AN EXTRA-WIDE OUTHOUSE WITH BUILT-IN BOOKSHELVES--
SHREK!
WHAT? I THOUGHT YOU WANTED TO GIVE THE PLACE A MAKEOVER.
YES. BUT I WAS TALKING ABOUT EXPANDING OUR HOME TO MAKE IT MORE FAMILY FRIENDLY, NOT LUXURIOUS.
LUXURIOUS? I'M TALKING ABOUT CREATURE COMFORTS, FIONA.
I'M A CREATURE. AND I LIKE TO BE COMFORTABLE. IS THAT SO WRONG?
THE TRIPLETS NEED ROOM TO GROW. ADDITIONAL LIVING SPACE WILL DO JUST FINE.
SIGH. I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT.
GREAT, LET'S GET STARTED--
HOLD ON THERE! IT'S AN OGRE'S JOB TO PROVIDE FOR HIS FAMILY.
DON'T BE SILLY. I SHOULD--
SPEND SOME TIME WITH YOUR GIRLFRIENDS THIS WEEKEND!
BUT--
NO BUTS! AN OGRE'S GOT TO DO WHAT AN OGRE'S GOT TO DO.


LOVE YOU!
An hour later.
WHAT DID I GET MYSELF INTO? I'M AN OGRE, NOT A HANDY MAN.
WHY SO BLUE, BOSS?
YEAH SHREK, YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'VE GOT THE WEIGHT OF THE KINGDOM ON YOUR HAIRY GREEN SHOULDERS.
WHY THE LONG FACE? YOU GOING THROUGH A MID-LIFE CRISIS AGAIN?
NO. WORSE. I'VE PROMISED FIONA THAT I'D REMODEL OUR HOUSE.
AND I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT HOUSE BUILDING. DO EITHER OF YOU?
NU-UH. DRAGON AND I DON'T LIVE IN A HOUSE PER SE. IT'S MORE OF A LAIR, REALLY.
WHAT ABOUT YOU, PUSS?
ME? WHAT WOULD I KNOW ABOUT THESE THINGS? I AM A CREATURE OF NATURE. THE SKY IS MY ROOF. THE GRASS IS MY CARPET. THE BEACH IS MY LITTER BOX--
WHOA! WHOA! WHOA! TMI, PUSS!
SHREK, NEXT TIME WE GO TO THE BEACH, REMIND ME TO BRING FLIP FLOPS AND A POOPER SCOOPER.


NOT TO WORRY, BOSS. I MAY NOT KNOW MUCH ABOUT THESE THINGS, BUT I KNOW WHERE TO FIND SOMEONE WHO DOES.
FOLLOW ME! VAMOS!
BEHOLD! THE CASTLE DEPOT!
IT'S...IT'S... HUGE!
THE CASTLE DEPOT
HEY, I'VE SEEN THE COMMERCIAL FOR THIS PLACE. "YOUR ONE-STOP SHOP FOR ALL OF YOUR HOME IMPROVEMENT NEEDS, BECAUSE YOUR HOME IS YOUR CASTLE OR YOUR CASTLE IS LITERALLY YOUR HOME."
VELCOME TO CASTLE DEPOT. HOW MAY VEE HELP YOU, SIRE?
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU GUYS WORKED HERE.
VITH ALL ZEE HUFFING AND PUFFING IN ZEE NEIGHBORHOOD, VEE NEEDED THE EMPLOY-EE DISCOUNT.
SQUEALING SQUIRES. THAT'S JUST TOO DARN CUTE.
VEE WILL BE YOUR PERSONAL SQUIRES FOR THE DURATION OF YOUR STAY HERE AT ZEE CASTLE DEPOT. THIS VAY, PLEASE.


OH, LOOK AT THAT! LET'S GET ONE OF THOSE!
NO.
THEN HOW ABOUT ONE OF THESE? EVERY-ONE NEEDS ONE OF THESE.
NO!
WE'RE HAVING A HALF-OFF SPECIAL ON ALL DUNGEON AND DONJON ACCOUTERMENTS.
GUARANTEED TO INCREASE PAIN AND SUFFERING BY 10% OR YOUR MONEY BACK.
VEE ARE NOW IN ZEE MOAT AND GARDEN SECTION.
BE CAREFUL OF ZEE CARNIVO-ROUS PLANTS AND MOAT MONSTERS OR ZEY MIGHT EAT YOU OR SOMETHING.
HOME SECU-RITY SYSTEMS! LET'S CHECK IT OUT.
I DUNNO, DONKEY.
IMAGINE HAVING YOUR VERY OWN MOAT WITH YOUR VERY OWN MOAT MONSTER.
IT EVEN COMES VITH A ONE YEAR MONEY BACK GUARANTEE, JUST IN CASE A WANDERING HERO COMES ALONG AND SLAYS IT.
I SAY WE SNAG ONE.
I'M NOT GOING TO "SNAG" ANYTHING. BESIDES, I'M SCARIER THAN THAT THING.
ROAR!
IF YOU BREAK IT, YOU BUY IT, YAH?!
:Whimper:

PSSST.
IT'S SHOWTIME, BOYS.
OOO, LOOK SHREK! GARDEN GNOMES! WE ABSOLUTELY, POSITIVELY, HAVE TO BUY ONE.
BUT DONKEY, I DON'T HAVE A GARDEN.
CAN WE KEEP HIM? CAN WE? CAN WE?
DID YOU SEE THAT? HE IS STEALING MY MOVE!
NICE FORM.
IF YOU LIKE GARDEN GNOMES SO MUCH, THEN WHY DON'T YOU BUY ONE?
I WOULD, BUT DRAGON ATE THE LAST ONE WE HAD.
POOR WILLIAM. I STILL MISS THE LITTLE GUY.
HE WAS JUST TOO DELICIOUS FOR HIS OWN GOOD.
FORGET IT, DONKEY. THE ANSWER IS NO.
HOP IN, LITTLE FELLOW.
I CAN'T BELIEVE DONKEY FELL FOR THAT MOVE. SILLY BURRO.

HOW DID WE END UP WITH ALL OF THIS STUFF?
OH, YOU KNOW HOW IT IS WHEN YOU GO SHOPPING. YOU SEE A FEW THINGS YOU LIKE, TOSS IT IN, AND BEFORE YOU KNOW IT--BAM!--YOU BUY UP HALF THE STORE.

DO YOU FEEL LIKE A VANQUISHED KING IN YOUR OWN CASTLE? HAS THE QUEEN AND HER REBELLIOUS COURT BANISHED THE LORD FROM HIS LANDS?
HMMM...
PREACH ON, BROTHER! PREACH ON!
YAH!

EVERY LORD DESERVES A QUIET REFUGE FROM ALL OF THE CLAMORING PEASANTS IN HIS KINGDOM. EVERY GUY DESERVES A...
AYE, WHAT IS IT?
YES! WHAT IS IT THAT WE DESERVE?
SPIT IT OUT, ALREADY! A DONKEY DOESN'T HAVE ALL DAY!
YAH! YAH!

EVERY GUY DESERVES HIS OWN HIDDEN AND EXCLUSIVE...
CLUB HOUSE!
IT'S HIS OWN SPECIAL HIDEAWAY TO ESCAPE THE STRESS OF THE DAILY GRIND. COMPLETE WITH A LOUNGE, POOL TABLE, AND...
WAIT FOR IT...
BEAN BAGS!

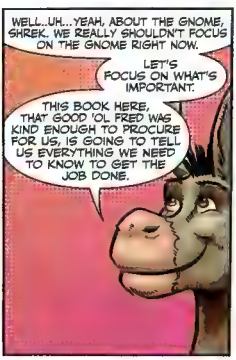
SOLD! I'LL TAKE IT!
I PREFER CLUBS THAT ADMIT ONLY GENTLEMAN, BUT THIS WILL WORK, TOO.
BEAN BAGS?! WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY SO IN ZEE FIRST PLACE? VEE WILL TAKE THREE.

later
OKAY, WHERE DO WE START?

DIDN'T YOU BUY ONE OF THOSE "HOW TO" BOOKS I SHOWED YOU?
DONKEY, YOU WANTED TO BUY EVERYTHING IN EYE-SIGHT. I STARTED IGNORING YOU AS SOON AS WE STEPPED OVER THE DRAWBRIDGE.
SERVES YOU RIGHT THEN, DIGGIN' A DONKEY LIKE THAT.

HUH?
the IGNORANT MORON'S GUIDE to HOME

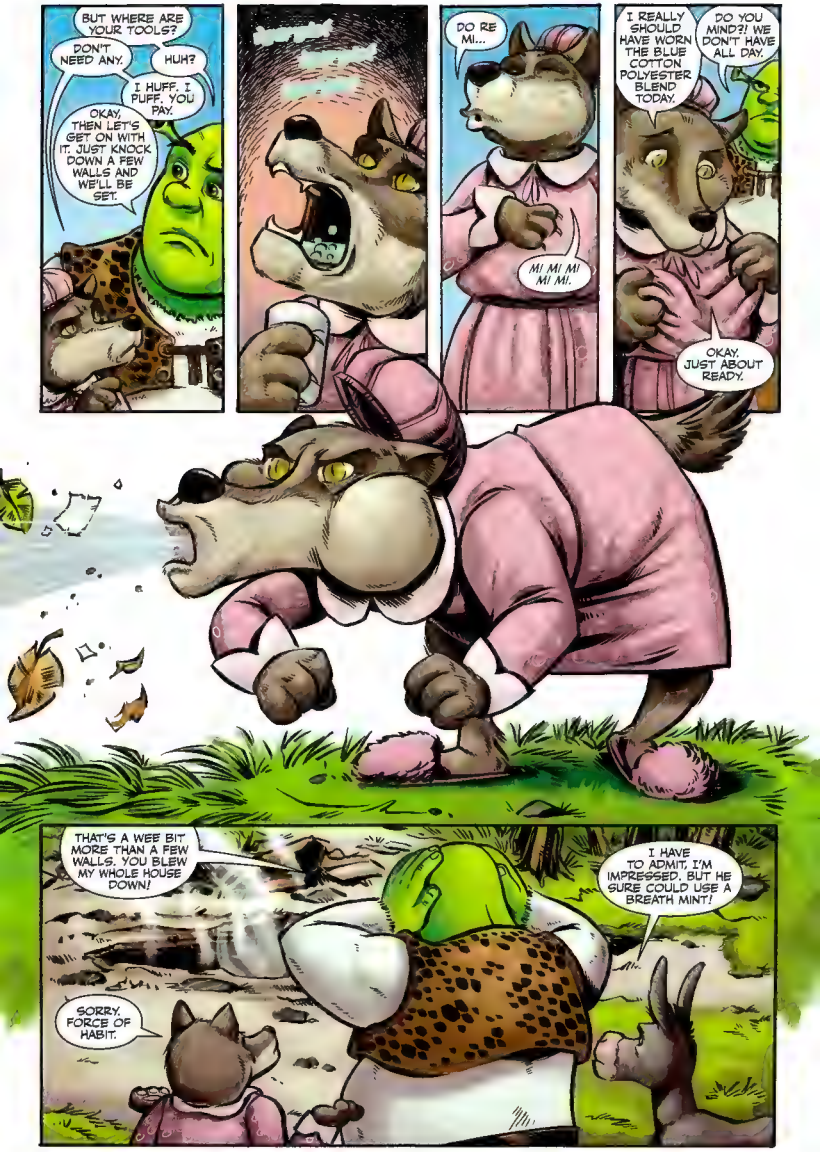
WAIT A MINUTE! I DON'T REMEMBER BUYING A GARDEN GNOME.
DONKEY?!


WELL...UH...YEAH, ABOUT THE GNOME, SHREK. WE REALLY SHOULDN'T FOCUS ON THE GNOME RIGHT NOW.
LET'S FOCUS ON WHAT'S IMPORTANT.
THIS BOOK HERE, THAT GOOD 'OL FRED WAS KIND ENOUGH TO PROCURE FOR US, IS GOING TO TELL US EVERYTHING WE NEED TO KNOW TO GET THE JOB DONE.

HE IS RIGHT, BOSS. THE GNOME DID BUENO.
MUY BUENO.

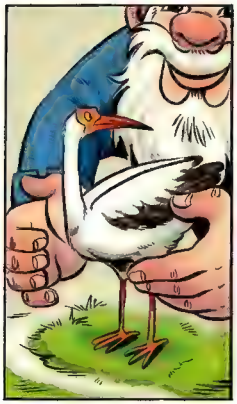
I GUESS HE CAN STAY...FOR NOW.

LET'S SEE HERE...
STEP ONE. DEMOLITION.
SOUNDS LIKE FUN. DID WE BUY TOOLS FOR THAT?
I BELIEVE WE BOUGHT TOOLS FOR EVERYTHING ELSE BUT THAT.
THAT'S JUST GREAT. WE'RE ALREADY FINISHED BEFORE WE EVEN GOT STARTED.
SOME-THING THE PIGS SAID JUST GAVE ME AN IDEA. I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.
WHERE'S HE OFF TO?
later
I'M BACK! DID YA MISS ME? WAIT, DON'T ANSWER THAT.
I PRESENT TO THEE...
THE BIG BAD WOLF!
SOME-ONE ORDER A ONE-WOLF WRECKING CREW?


BUT WHERE ARE YOUR TOOLS?
DON'T NEED ANY.
HUH?
I HUFF. I PUFF. YOU PAY.
OKAY. THEN LET'S GET ON WITH IT. JUST KNOCK DOWN A FEW WALLS AND WE'LL BE SET.
DO RE MI...
MI MI MI MI MI.
I REALLY SHOULD HAVE WORN THE BLUE COTTON POLYESTER BLEND TODAY.
DO YOU MIND?! WE DON'T HAVE ALL DAY.
OKAY. JUST ABOUT READY.
THAT'S A WEE BIT MORE THAN A FEW WALLS. YOU BLEW MY WHOLE HOUSE DOWN!
I HAVE TO ADMIT, I'M IMPRESSED. BUT HE SURE COULD USE A BREATH MINT!
SORRY. FORCE OF HABIT.

Step 2: Framing.
Hours later
HA, I DIDN'T KNOW I HAD IT IN ME.
SHE'S AS SOLID AS A ROCK.
TA-DA! AIN'T SHE A BEAUT!
CRASH
WHAT HAPPENED? WE FOLLOWED THE DIRECTIONS TO THE LETTER.
DID WE BUY THE WRONG TYPE OF WOOD? USE THE WRONG NAILS?
NAILS? WE WERE SUPPOSED TO USE NAILS? THEN WHAT WAS ALL THAT GLUE FOR?

Much much later
DONKEY, IF YOU MESS THIS PART UP, THERE'S GOING TO BE A DONKEY-SKIN RUG NEXT TO THE FIREPLACE.
YEAH, BUT WHERE ARE YOU GOING TO FIND A DONKEY TO SKIN ALL THE WAY OUT HERE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SWAMP?
SOME-TIMES YOU SAY THE DARNDEST THINGS, SHREK.
CAN I SKIN HIM NOW, BOSS?
Step 3: Exterior Finishing
Hours later.
AND NOW FOR THE ROOF.
HOW ARE WE GOING TO GET THAT BIG OL' CRUSTY TREE BACK ON TOP OF THE HOUSE?
HEH HEH. THANK YOU, FRED, BUT I THINK WE'LL NEED SOME-THING A WEE BIT ...BIGGER.



I GET IT. THE CRANE IS A CRANE. IT CAN PICK UP THE TREE AND PLACE IT ON THE ROOF FOR US.
GOOD GOING, FRED!
WOW. YOU REALLY ARE A USEFUL LITTLE FELLOW, AREN'T YOU?
I SHOULD HAVE GOT ONE OF YOU A LONG TIME AGO.

EASY NOW.
MORE TO THE LEFT.
NOW CHANGE THE ANGLE TO A 35-DEGREE INCLINE!
NO! YOU'VE GONE TOO FAR. BACK IT UP SOME.
NOW TO THE SIDE! NO, THE OTHER SIDE!

HUH?
WHA?
ER?

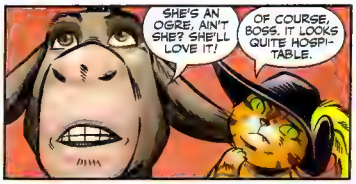
KLASH

SQUAK!
NOOO!

WHAT AM I GOING TO TELL FIONA?
THERE, THERE, BIG GUY. SHE WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED IN YOU. FURIOUS AS HECK, MAYBE--
NOT HELPING!
SHE'LL BE SO DISAPPOINTED WITH ME! I'VE RUINED EVERYTHING.

EARNED YOURSELF A ONE-WAY TICKET TO THE DOG HOUSE, YESSIREE. PROBABLY HAVE TO LIVE IN THE CLUB HOUSE FROM NOW ON--
THAT'S IT!
DONKEY, YOU'RE A GENIUS!
I AM? I MEAN, OF COURSE I AM. IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU'VE RECOGNIZED THAT FACT. WHY AM I A GENIUS, AGAIN?
GO GET DRAGON, HURRY!

Shortly thereafter...
DO YOU THINK SHE'LL LIKE IT?


SHE'S AN OGRE, AIN'T SHE? SHE'LL LOVE IT!
OF COURSE, BOSS. IT LOOKS QUITE HOSPITABLE.

YOU REALLY THINK SO?
ABSOLUTELY!

I HAVE SEEN THAT LOOK ON A FEMALE BEFORE. THIS IS NOT GOOD.
WHY DON'T WE STAY OUTSIDE WHILE SHREK GIVES FIONA THE TOUR. WE DON'T WANT TO BE WITHIN STRIKING RANGE WHEN THE FUR START'S TO FLY.
SHREK, I'VE GOT TO ADMIT. THIS ISN'T EXACTLY WHAT I HAD IN MIND.
WELL...UM... ME AND THE BOYS THOUGHT THE PLACE NEEDED A BIT OF PIZZ-AZZ, YOU KNOW. TO SPICE THINGS UP A BIT.
BEAN BAGS? REALLY? THEY DON'T EVEN MATCH!
BUT THEY'RE COMFY. TRY ONE.
AND A BAR? ISN'T THAT INAPPROPRIATE FOR THE KIDS?
BUT WE HAVE MILK, MUD, AND APPLE JUICE ON TAP. ISN'T THAT GREAT?
NO, SHREK. IT ISN'T.
THIS PLACE ISN'T FIT FOR THE CHILDREN.

I REALLY BLEW IT THIS TIME. FIONA OFFERED TO HELP, BUT I LET MY PRIDE GET IN THE WAY.
NONE OF THIS MESS WOULD HAVE HAPPENED IF I HAD LISTENED TO HER.
SINCE WE LIVE IN THE HOUSE TOGETHER, WE SHOULD HAVE BUILT IT TOGETHER.
LISTEN, SHREK. WHAT YOU AND FIONA HAVE IS STRONGER THAN THIS OVERSIZED OUTHOUSE HERE. SHE MAY BE UPSET FOR A FEW DAYS, BUT SHE'LL FORGIVE YOU BECAUSE SHE LOVES YOU.
TRUST ME, I DO STUPID THINGS ALL THE TIME AND DRAGON STILL HASN'T EATEN ME.
HE IS RIGHT, BOSS. HE IS STUPID INCARNATE. ONLY AMOUR CAN EXPLAIN WHY HE HAS NOT BEEN BARBE-QUED YET.
THANKS GUYS. YOU, TOO, FRED.
later.
TAKE A HIKE, BOYS! WE'VE GOT WORK TO DO!
A REAL LONG HIKE.
THIS PLACE IS GETTING A MAKE-OVER.
FIONA! YOU'VE COME BACK!
YOU TAKE THE TRIPLETS AND WE'LL TAKE IT FROM HERE.
LET US HELP! WE'VE LEARNED A LOT FROM OUR MISTAKES.
SHREK, I KNOW YOUR HEART IS IN THE RIGHT PLACE, BUT YOU WORKED HARD ENOUGH ALREADY. LET ME AND THE GIRLS DO THIS. CONSIDER IT YOUR WAY OF MAKING IT UP TO ME.
OKAY, DEAR.

The next day.
AND THE OUTHOUSE HAS BUILT-IN BOOKSHELVES? YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE.
DÉJÀ VU.
HEY, HAS ANYONE SEEN FRED?
burp
AND THIS IS OUR NEW BEDROOM.
IT'S PERFECT!
BUT YOU HAVEN'T SEEN THE BEST PART, YET.
YOU'RE PERFECT, TOO, FIONA.
I KNOW.
The end.

I DON'T BELIEVE IT.
SOMETIMES IT JUST TAKES A MOTHER'S TOUCH.
WELL IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THEY'D RATHER SLEEP THAN HEAR ABOUT THEIR FATHER FAILING.
OH HONEY, YOU DIDN'T FAIL, YOU JUST... UM... UH...
...ENDED UP WITH DIFFERENT RESULTS.
HAVE I EVER TOLD YOU HOW SWEET YOU ARE?
EVERYDAY. AND I'LL NEVER GET TIRED OF HEARING IT.
SPEAKING OF TIRED, CAN WE PLEASE GO TO BED NOW?
DEFINI-
SHREK! FIONA!
OH MAN, AM I GLAD TO SEE YOU GUYS! LISTEN, I NEED TO CRASH HERE FOR A BIT AS I MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE ANGERED A TEN-FOOT TALL CYCLOPS WITH A CRAVING FOR TENDER DONKEY MEAT!
WAAAH!
OOOOH! IT LOOKS LIKE I'M JUST IN TIME FOR BEDTIME STORIES!
END

ATTACK OF THE PANTS PHANTOMS!

CHAPTER FOUR

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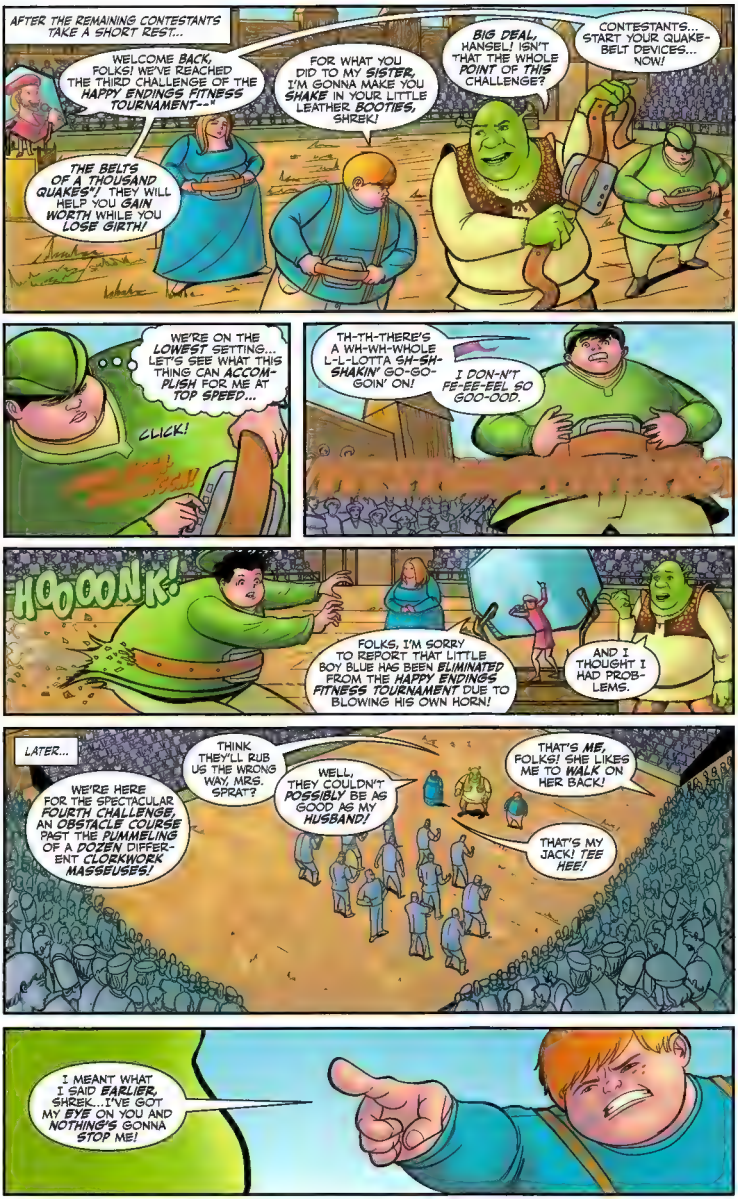
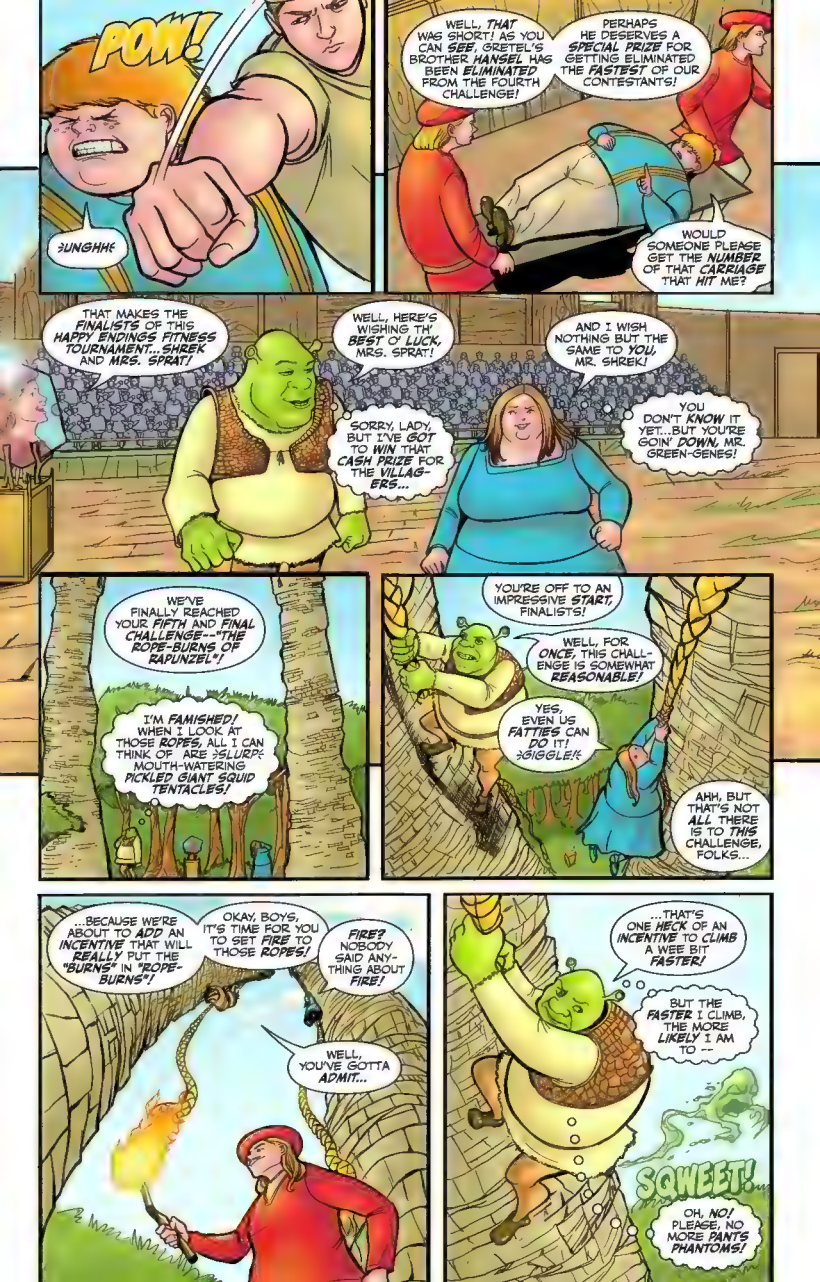
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, SHREK'S STATIONARY TREADMILL HAS GONE OUT OF CONTROL, SENDING HIM AND HIS FELLOW HAPPY ENDINGS FITNESS TOURNAMENT CONTESTANT GRETEL OVER CRADLEWELL FALLS TO A CERTAIN DOOM!
DID YOU HEAR THAT, YOU CLUMSY OGRE? WE'RE BOTH GONNA BE KILLED... AND IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT!
HEY, LADY, IT WAS YOU WHO DECIDED TO HITCH A RIDE WITH ME!
YEAH, BUT IT WAS MY WEE PANTS GOBLIN THAT SABOTAGED MY TREADMILL IN THE FIRST PLACE!
ACH, I'VE GOT NO TIME FOR REGRETS... WHAT I NEED TO DO NOW IS TO TRY TO GUIDE THIS CONTRAPTION!
OL' WILLIAM TELL WOULD BE PROUD OF SUCH AIM!
GLURP!
WHOOHOO HOO HOOOO!
WHAT A SHOW-OFF!
SPROING
SHREK, THAT'S THE SECOND MOST AMAZING STUNT I'VE EVER SEEN! HOW DID YOU DO IT?
OH, I'D PLANNED TO DO THAT ROUTINE ALL ALONG! CHUCKLE!
THAT'S A PILE OF DONKEY DOO! YOU HAVEN'T HEARD THE LAST FROM ME, SHREK!
AND SPEAKING OF GRETEL, I'D SAY IT'S OBVIOUS THAT HER FALL HAS ELIMINATED HER FROM THE TOURNAMENT!
YOU, NEITHER, THUMB!


AFTER THE REMAINING CONTESTANTS TAKE A SHORT REST...
WELCOME BACK, FOLKS! WE'VE REACHED THE THIRD CHALLENGE OF THE HAPPY ENDINGS FITNESS TOURNAMENT--"
THE BELTS OF A THOUSAND QUAKES"! THEY WILL HELP YOU GAIN WORTH WHILE YOU LOSE GIRTH!
FOR WHAT YOU DID TO MY SISTER, I'M GONNA MAKE YOU SHAKE IN YOUR LITTLE LEATHER BOOTIES, SHREK!
BIG DEAL, HANSEL! ISN'T THAT THE WHOLE POINT OF THIS CHALLENGE?
CONTESTANTS... START YOUR QUAKE-BELT DEVICES... NOW!
WE'RE ON THE LOWEST SETTING... LET'S SEE WHAT THIS THING CAN ACCOMPLISH FOR ME AT TOP SPEED...
CLICK!
TH-TH-THERE'S A WH-WH-WHOLE L-L-LOTTA SH-SH-SHAKIN' GO-GO-GOIN' ON!
I DON-N'T FE-EE-EEL SO GOO-OOD.
HOOOONK!
FOLKS, I'M SORRY TO REPORT THAT LITTLE BOY BLUE HAS BEEN ELIMINATED FROM THE HAPPY ENDINGS FITNESS TOURNAMENT DUE TO BLOWING HIS OWN HORN!
AND I THOUGHT I HAD PROBLEMS.
LATER...
WE'RE HERE FOR THE SPECTACULAR FOURTH CHALLENGE, AN OBSTACLE COURSE PAST THE PUMMELING OF A DOZEN DIFFERENT CLOCKWORK MASSEUSES!
THINK THEY'LL RUB US THE WRONG WAY, MRS. SPRAT?
WELL, THEY COULDN'T POSSIBLY BE AS GOOD AS MY HUSBAND!
THAT'S ME, FOLKS! SHE LIKES ME TO WALK ON HER BACK!
THAT'S MY JACK! TEE HEE!
I MEANT WHAT I SAID EARLIER, SHREK...I'VE GOT MY EYE ON YOU AND NOTHING'S GONNA STOP ME!


POW!
SUNGHHH
WELL, THAT WAS SHORT! AS YOU CAN SEE, GRETEL'S BROTHER HANSEL HAS BEEN ELIMINATED FROM THE FOURTH CHALLENGE!
PERHAPS HE DESERVES A SPECIAL PRIZE FOR GETTING ELIMINATED THE FASTEST OF OUR CONTESTANTS!
WOULD SOMEONE PLEASE GET THE NUMBER OF THAT CARRIAGE THAT HIT ME?
THAT MAKES THE FINALISTS OF THIS HAPPY ENDINGS FITNESS TOURNAMENT...SHREK AND MRS. SPRAT!
WELL, HERE'S WISHING TH' BEST O' LUCK, MRS. SPRAT!
AND I WISH NOTHING BUT THE SAME TO YOU, MR. SHREK!
SORRY, LADY, BUT I'VE GOT TO WIN THAT CASH PRIZE FOR THE VILLAG-ERS...
YOU DON'T KNOW IT YET...BUT YOU'RE GOIN' DOWN, MR. GREEN-GENES!
WE'VE FINALLY REACHED YOUR FIFTH AND FINAL CHALLENGE--"THE ROPE-BURNS OF RAPUNZEL"!
I'M FAMISHED! WHEN I LOOK AT THOSE ROPES, ALL I CAN THINK OF ARE SLURP! MOUTH-WATERING PICKLED GIANT SQUID TENTACLES!
YOU'RE OFF TO AN IMPRESSIVE START, FINALISTS!
WELL, FOR ONCE, THIS CHALL-ENGE IS SOMEWHAT REASONABLE!
YES, EVEN US FATTIES CAN DO IT! GIGGLE!
AHH, BUT THAT'S NOT ALL THERE IS TO THIS CHALLENGE, FOLKS...
...BECAUSE WE'RE ABOUT TO ADD AN INCENTIVE THAT WILL REALLY PUT THE "BURNS" IN "ROPE-BURNS"!
OKAY, BOYS, IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO SET FIRE TO THOSE ROPES!
FIRE? NOBODY SAID ANY-THING ABOUT FIRE!
WELL, YOU'VE GOTTA ADMIT...
...THAT'S ONE HECK OF AN INCENTIVE TO CLIMB A WEE BIT FASTER!
BUT THE FASTER I CLIMB, THE MORE LIKELY I AM TO --
SQWEET!...
OH, NO! PLEASE, NO MORE PANTS PHANTOMS!

...WHAT IN THE NAME OF MOTHER GOOSE IS THAT?!
PHSSPPP!
EEEE-EEEE! IT'S A TINY PANTS PHANTOM!
I JUST LET GO OF THE ROPE, DIDN'T I?
A FEW MINUTES LATER...
WELL, SHREK, IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE THE WINNER OF OUR HAPPY ENDINGS FITNESS TOURNAMENT AND HERE'S THE CASH PRIZE--A BIG BAG OF SHECKLES!
SO WHERE ARE YOU GOING TO GO NOW, SHREK?
WELL, NOT TO ANY THEME PARKS, THAT'S FOR CERTAIN!
SOON, SHREK MEETS WITH A GROUP OF VILLAGERS...
...AND THAT'S WHY I WANT TO GIVE YOU THIS BIG BAG OF SHECKLES!
THANK YOU, SHREK, BUT WE FEEL LIKE WE'RE TEMPTING FATE JUST BY HAVING YOU HERE! PLEASE, GO HOME!
LATER, SHREK RETURNS HOME...
THAT VILLAGER WAS RIGHT! IT'S LOVELY TO BE BACK IN MY SMELLY OL' SWAMP!
FLIBBERDYGIBBIT!
SHREK HONEY, WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
NEVER MIND THAT, WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE?
VOOTIE!
BUELL BAH!
MTZA QXL!
WHEN OUR KIDS STARTED TO GET A BIT GASSY, THESE LITTLE DIAPER DEMONS WERE THE RESULTS!
THERE'S ONLY ONE ANSWER, FIONA DARLIN'--FIGHT FAR--ER, FIRE WITH FIRE!
I'M WAY AHEAD OF YOU, DEAR! HERE'S THE LEFTOVER TOAD-STOOL, SWAMP-MOSS, AND WEASEL-CHEESE CASSEROLE!
VOOTIE!
GNP-FZ!
SPA FON!
WELL, LOOK OUT, DIAPER DEMONS--HERE COME THE PANTS PHANTOMS AGAIN!
FLIBBERDYGIBBIT!
The End!

AIN'T NO BULL
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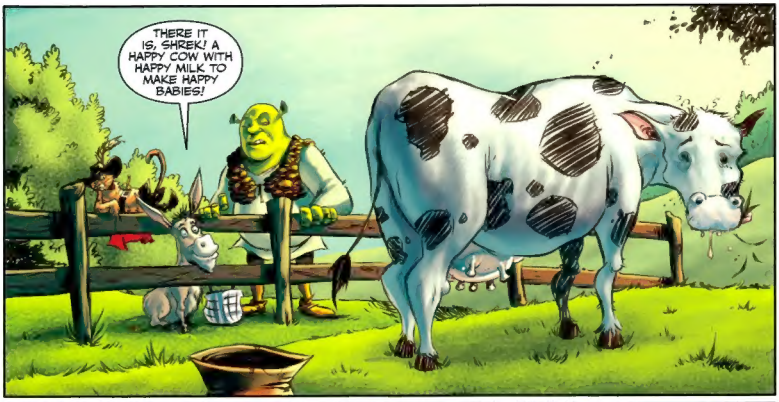
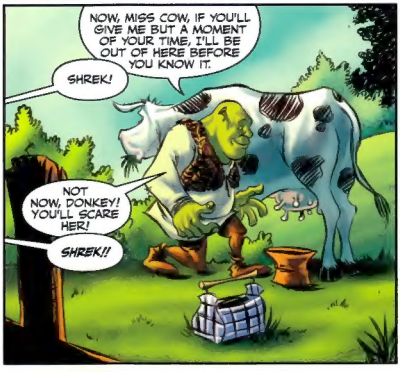
SHREK, WE NEED MILK FOR THE BABIES. CAN YOU GO GET SOME?
NO PROBLEM. KEEP THAT WORM SOUP ON THE FIRE!
HMM. CLOSED. NOW WHERE AM I SUPPOSED TO GET MILK FOR THE BABIES?
LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE COULD USE A HAND! OR AT LEAST A HOOF!
EH?
LET ME GUESS. THE CHILDREN ARE IN NEED OF MILK, AND THERE IS NONE TO BE FOUND HERE.
AYE.
WELL NEVER FEAR, SHREK! DONKEY IS HERE! I KNOW EXACTLY WHERE SOME MILK CAN BE HAD!
WELL LEAD ON, DONKEY! THERE'S NO TIME TO WASTE!
TALLY HO!


THERE IT IS, SHREK! A HAPPY COW WITH HAPPY MILK TO MAKE HAPPY BABIES!

YOU TWO WAIT HERE. I'LL HEAD OVER THERE, FILL UP THESE BOTTLES, AND BE BACK IN A FLASH. KEEP A LOOKOUT FOR ME, WILL YOU?
AYE AYE, CAPTAIN!


NOW, MISS COW, IF YOU'LL GIVE ME BUT A MOMENT OF YOUR TIME, I'LL BE OUT OF HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT.
SHREK!
NOT NOW, DONKEY! YOU'LL SCARE HER!
SHREK!!

MAD COW!

OH NO!

NOW YOU'VE GONE AND MADE ME ANGRY!

THAT CRAZY BULL KNOCKED SHREK CLEAN OUT OF THE YARD! NOW WE'RE NEVER GOING TO GET MILK FOR THOSE SHREK-LETS!
MOO.
NEVER FEAR, MY FRIEND. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT THE MIGHTY PUSS IN BOOTS CAN HANDLE. OBSERVE.
AND NOW, YOU HORNED BUFFOON, PREPARE TO SAMPLE MY BLADE. CHARGE AT ME, IF YOU DARE!
POW
MROW!
LET ME BORROW THIS FOR A MINUTE, PUSS...
...THIS UNGULATE AND I HAVE SOME UNFINISHED BUSINESS!

OLE!
DONKEY! WHILE HE'S DISTRACTED! FILL UP THOSE BOTTLES!
DON'T WORRY, SHREK. DONKEY TO THE RESCUE!
SHREK! I CAN'T DO THIS! I DON'T HAVE THUMBS!
DON'T WORRY, COMRADE. I SHALL PROVIDE THE FINGERS YOU DESIRE!
HOORAY! TEAMWORK!
Later
THANKS, GUYS. I HOPE YOU DIDN'T GO TO TOO MUCH TROUBLE GETTING THIS.
NO, NO TROUBLE AT ALL.
The end.

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